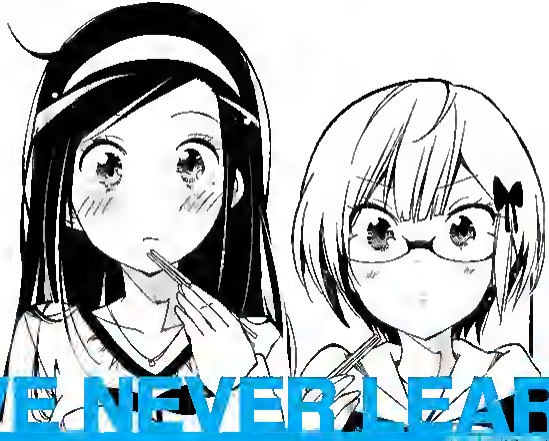


WE NEVER LEARN

BY TSUTSUI

Nariyuki Yuiga is a self-professed super student. He's not naturally gifted in the sciences or arts like his classmates Rizu and Fumino, but he does have pluck and persistence! He's such a good student that he finally realizes his dream of obtaining a scholarship to college, which is a great relief since his family is dirt-poor! But there's a catch...

PREVIOUSLY IN *WE NEVER LEARN*:

Years and years of hard work finally pay off when Nariyuki at long last receives the college scholarship of his dreams! But there's a catch—he has to help the school's two geniuses get into their target schools as well. Sounds like a cinch since he's dealing with prodigies—that is, until he realizes that both want to study fields in which they have absolutely no aptitude! Science whiz Rizu is clueless when it comes to words, but she's dead set on entering a liberal arts college. Meanwhile, wordsmith Fumino is looking to study astronomy. Nariyuki tries in vain to convince them to target their fields of specialty to study in the future, but when he finds out the reasons that both want to enter different fields, he quickly changes his tune. After all, as Nariyuki knows so well, hard work can overcome almost any obstacle! But then again, he's never had to tutor two students as clueless and stubborn as Rizu and Fumino!

WE NEVER LEARN

Question 4: A Fish Is to Water as a Genius Is to X

DIING
DOONG
LET'S SEE. TODAY'S AGENDA..

NARI-YUKI!
TAK TAK TAK
FIRST, MY PROGRESS-UPDATE MEETING WITH THE PRINCIPAL..
THEN, I'VE GOTTA MAKE NEW STUDY AIDS FOR THE GIRLS.

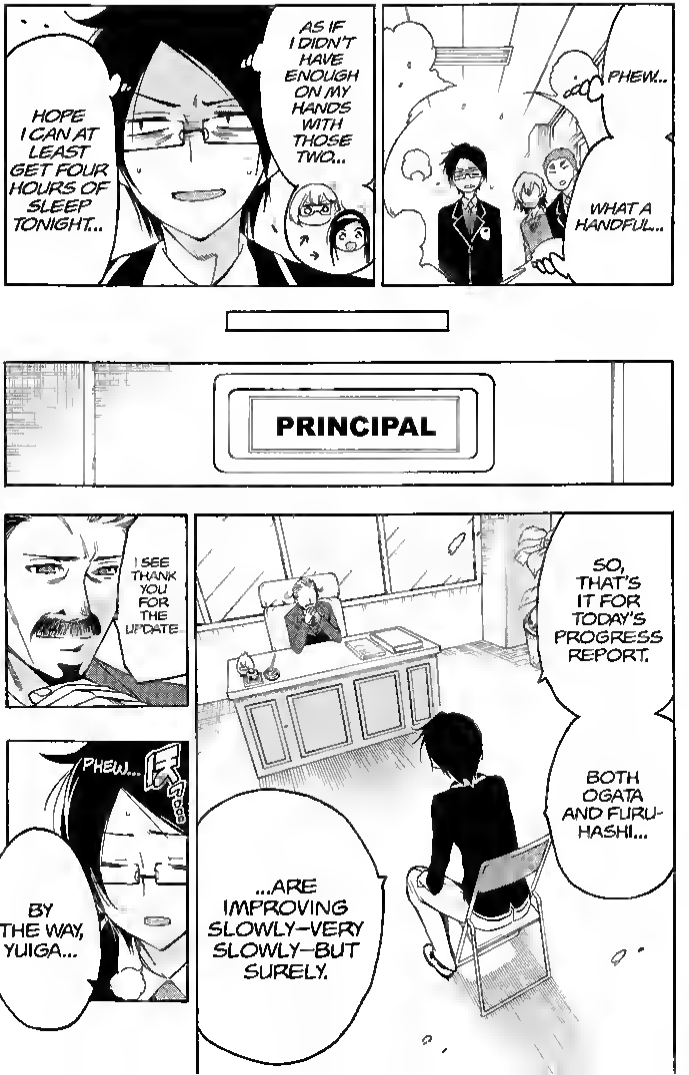
LEND ME YOUR NOTES! ♡
SHAKA SHAKA

HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU TO QUIT WHACKING PEOPLE?!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!

YO!
ULFF!
WHOPP

SORRY!
URUKA TAKE-MOTO!!
I WAS SOLO TRAINING, AND I'M STILL FULL OF ENERGY!
SO I'M WAY BEHIND ON HOME-WORK!!
CAN I COPY YOUR NOTES? GIMME!! ♡
LISTEN, JUST BECAUSE WE WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH, YOU THINK ANYTHING GOES, HUH?
WHAT SAY YOU TRY DOING YOUR OWN SCHOOL-WORK FOR A CHANGE?
Waaah!
C'MON, PLEEEEZE? I HATE HOMEWORK!
WELL, DON'T SUGAR-COAT IT!

LOOK AT YUIGA... TALKING TO A PRETTY GIRL, AS USUAL!
Grr...
PLUS, IT'S THAT FAMOUS CHICK FROM THE SWIM TEAM!
SHE'S A SWIMMING GENIUS--SHE WON EVERY SINGLE MATCH SHE SWAM IN JUNIOR HIGH!
For real?!
...
TAKE-MOTO'S AT IT AGAIN!
BAM!
NOTE
HOORAY!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, NARIYUKI! YOU'RE A REAL PAL!
BLUSH
YEESH...
Sigh
DON'T COPY IT WORD FOR WORD, OKAY?
KA-VOOSH
NO PROB! I'LL JUST COPY EVERYTHING EXACTLY AND GIVE IT RIGHT BACK!
THANKS, NARI-YUKI!
Fwoo!
HEY, WERE YOU LISTENING?!


AS IF I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH ON MY HANDS WITH THOSE TWO...
HOPE I CAN AT LEAST GET FOUR HOURS OF SLEEP TONIGHT...
PHEW...
WHAT A HANDFUL...
PRINCIPAL
I SEE THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE
SO, THAT'S IT FOR TODAY'S PROGRESS REPORT.
BOTH OGATA AND FURU-HASHI...
...ARE IMPROVING SLOWLY—VERY SLOWLY—BUT SURELY.
PHEW...
BY THE WAY, YUIGA...

AM I TO UNDERSTAND THAT URUKA TAKEMOTO...
...IS A FRIEND OF YOURS FROM JUNIOR HIGH?
JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION
SIR?
YES...
A SPORTS HERO, ENDOWED WITH SUPERHUMAN COORDINATION, TECHNIQUE, MOTIVATION AND STAMINA!
AS THE SHINING STAR OF OUR SWIM CLUB AND CHAMPION OF EVERY FREESTYLE MATCH SHE ENTERS, SHE'S A SCHOOL TREASURE!
NICKNAMED THE SHIMMERING EBONY MERMAID PRINCESS!!

I'm a dumb jock!
SHE'S APPLYING TO COLLEGE THROUGH AN ATHLETIC PROGRAM..
..BUT EVEN THAT MIGHT NOT WORK OUT.
HER ACADEMIC ABILITIES ARE QUITE THE OPPOSITE.
HOWEVER...
YUIGA..
IN ANY CASE...
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU...
...TO SERVE AS A TUTOR TO ONE MORE STUDENT
OVER MY DEAD BODY, SIR!

SNIFFLE
..IS WHAT I WAS THINKING...
...BUT I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO SAY IT!
!
My VIP recommendation is on the line!
SPLOOSH
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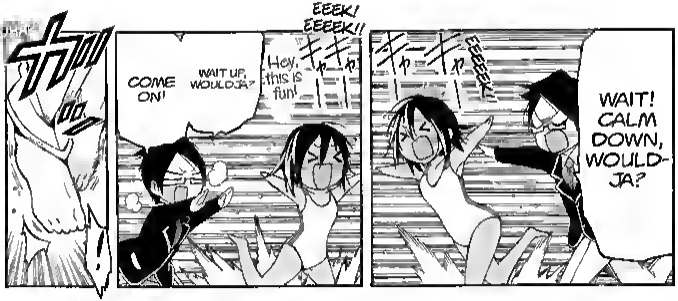
NO WONDER THEY SAY SHE'S OLYMPIC MATERIAL!
PHEW!
SHE WAS FAST IN JUNIOR HIGH, BUT SHE'S GOTTEN EVEN FASTER!
HEY, NARI-YUKI!
WHAT, DIDJA COME TO SPY ON ME?
Ya like swim-wear?
NO! SO YOU CAN KNOCK OFF THE SEXY POSES!
PAPAPAPA

FWIK
WE NEED TO TALK.
ACADEMIC TUTOR?
I HEAR YOU'RE APPLYING TO OTOWA UNIVERSITY'S ATHLETICS PROGRAM.
HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT?
YEAH— I CAN GET IN ON ATHLETIC ABILITY. I DON'T HAFTA STUDY!
THEY HAVE A NEW SPORTS AND ACADEMICS POLICY.
STARTING THIS YEAR. .
ATHLETES HAVE TO PASS AN ENGLISH EXAM TOO.

WORMP
WHAT, JUST LIKE THAT?!
OKAY. FORGET COLLEGE.
I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS...
..BUT MY FUTURE IS RIDING ON THIS TOO!
SO YOU'RE GONNA PASS YOUR TEST, NO MATTER WHAT!
AAGH!! I HATE STUDYING !!


EEEK! EEEEK!!
COME ON!
WAIT UP, WOULDJA?
Hey, this is fun!
EEEEEEK!!
WAIT! CALM DOWN, WOULD-JA?

GUH...

Hahh
Hahh
OMG!! NARI-YUKI!!!!
KAPOOSH!

I-I'M SORRY...
Hahh
Hahh
GEEZ, NARIYUKI!
YOU SHOULDN'T HORSE AROUND NEAR WATER IF YOU CAN'T SWIM!
BE THAT AS IT MAY, TAKEMOTO...
How humiliating

GOTCHA!!
HA HA!
AIIEE!! NO FAIR!!

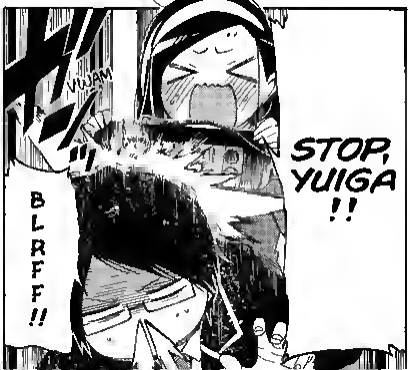
THERE HE IS!
THE PRINCIPAL SAID HE MIGHT BE HERE...

NOOO-OOO!! LET ME GOOOOO!!
RESISTANCE IS FUTILE!
Hahh
Hahh
YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME NOW...
HEH HEH HEH...
GASP

THAT HURT! WHAT RE YOU DOING, FURUHASHI?!
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU!!
Wah!

HA HA HA
PREPARE TO BE EDUCATED LIKE NEVER BEFORE, MY DEAR...

OH MAN... IF LOOKS COULD KILL!!
YOU SLIME-DOG...!!


YUJAM
BLRFF!!
STOP, YUIGA!!

WAIT...
YOU KNOW NARIYUKI?
HEY! YOU'RE OUR TWO SCHOOL GENIUSES, RIGHT?
I HAVEN'T A PICO-METER OF INTEREST IN WHAT YOU DO!
WAIT... YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG !!
...
ACTUALLY ...
WELL...
UM..
HA HA... YUIGA'S BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD AS OUR TUTOR!
Heh heh
HM.
...
EVEN GENIUSES HAVE THEIR WEAKNESSES, HUH?
I SEE...
Who knew?

STARTING TODAY, NARIYUKI'S MY TUTOR TOO!
SO WE'RE A TEAM NOW!
Whoa!

WELL, Y'KNOW... WHY NOT?
Chill, dude!
WHY THE SUDDEN CHANGE OF HEART?!
WHAA-AAT?! TAKE-MOTO...
A MINUTE AGO YOU WERE DEAD SET AGAINST IT!!
YOU TOO?
YOU'RE DRIPPING ON ME..
I NEED SPACE...

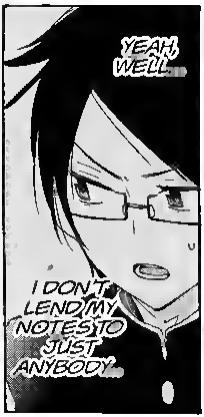
WHAT THE...?!
H-hooray!!
Let go
YAY, TEAM!!
よろしくおーっ!
THE MINUTE SHE HEARD ABOUT FURUHASHI AND OGATA, SHE DID A ONE-EIGHTY!
I DON'T GET IT...
Maybe she's a fan?

...
WELL, WHATEVER THE REASON...
.. I GUESS EVERY-THING'S GOOD.

HEY, YUIGA!
LEMME COPY YOUR NOTES?
NOTE
...
TAK
TAK
TAK

YUIGA'S USEFUL... HE GRUMBLES, BUT HE ALWAYS COMES THROUGH!
HEH HEH...

YIPPEE!
DON'T COPY, WORD FOR WORD!
AGAIN? HMPH. WELL, OKAY.


YEAH, WELL...
I DON'T LEND MY NOTES TO JUST ANYBODY...

HOW COME YOU ALWAYS LEND YOUR NOTES TO TAKEMOTO?
HEY, NARI-CHAN!
THERE'S NOTHING IN IT FOR YOU, NARI-CHAN.

SHE'S GOT NO TIME FOR HOMEWORK OR FRIENDS OR ANYTHING.
...BUT SHE SACRIFICES EVERYTHING TO TRAIN FOR SWIMMING.

I KNOW...

NARIYUKI WORKS HIS BUTT OFF TO CARE FOR OTHERS!

A MESSAGE FROM TAISHI TSUTSUI

"I'm so glad that the series will now be available in English! Please enjoy this story of youth and exams featuring some slightly weird geniuses!"